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3. (Amended) The device of claim 23 wherein the subassembly accomplishing the guiding comprises:

an automatic guide and a guide roll for guiding the fabric; and
the at least one subassembly which performs a spreading function and a cleaning function of the fabric comprises a curved spreader roll for spreading the fabric, and
a suction unit for cleaning the fabric.

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4. (Amended) The device of claim 22 wherein the cleaning function is performed by a subassembly including a suction unit having a suction slot which can be adjusted and wherein the suction slot is formed between two suction ribs.

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7. (Amended) The device of claim 2 further comprising an automatic guide for guiding the fabric having linear guides, a worm gear, a trapezoid-thread screw, and a movement base arranged to provide automatic guidance.

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12. (Amended) The device of claim 22 wherein the cleaning function is performed by a subassembly including a suction unit having a suction slot, and wherein end seals of the suction slot are based on an adjustable overlapping joint.

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13. (Amended) A device for use in connection with a fabric in a former or a press section of a paper machine, the device comprising:

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- a suction unit part having portions defining a suction chamber;
 - at least one suction pipe extending from the suction chamber;
 - a first bendable rib and a second bendable rib connected to the suction unit part to define a slot therebetween in communication with the suction chamber;
 - a spreader roll mounted to the suction unit part upstream of the slot, the spreader roll having a plurality of rollers adjustable to be curved;
 - a guide roll mounted to the suction unit part downstream of the slot, wherein the device is positioned such that the fabric passes over the spreader roll, across the first rib, the slot, and the second rib, and across the guide roll, and wherein the suction unit, the spreader roll and the guide roll form a single device incorporating an automatic guide for guiding the fabric having linear guides, and a movement base arranged to provide automatic guidance of the fabric.

Please add the following new claims:

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22. (New) A device for use in connection with a fabric in a former or a press section of a paper machine, the device comprising a subassembly accomplishing a guiding function of the fabric and the device further comprising at least one subassembly which performs a cleaning function of the fabric and wherein the subassemblies form a single device.
